Revival of BHPV

212. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether BHEL has been asked to take a lead in crystallising the role of BHEL/EIL/HPCL in reviving Bharat Heavy Plates and Vessels Limited (BHPV);

(b) if so, whether the role of each of above partners have been identified in revival of BHPV;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the tentative date for finalization of revival/takeover of BHPV by BHEL led consortium?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (e) Engineers India Limited (EIL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) had evinced interest in BHPV. Accordingly, they were permitted to conduct due diligence study. Ministry of Petroleum & Natural gas, which is the administrative Ministry of both M/s EIL and HPCL, have since informed that EIL and HPCL need no longer be considered for acquiring any interest in BHPV. However, BHEL, which has also conducted due diligence study of BHPV, has shown interest subject to waiver of Government of India loan and interest, waiver of principal and interest by financial institutions/banks, funding of liabilities not provided for and transfer of existing land in possession of BHPV free of cost with waiver of stamp duty and registration charges.

Meeting were held with Consortium of Bankers for settlement of their due outstanding with BHPV. Meeting with the State Government of Andhra Pradesh was also held on 17.02.2007 to seek their assistance towards revival of BHPV.

After the above issues are decided, the matter will be placed before the Board for Reconstruction of Public Enterprises (BRPSE) for their recommendations. Based on the recommendations of BRPSE, the matter will be placed before the Competent Authority for a decision.